

Table B-10. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients, by amount owed for undergraduate and graduate loans and major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Amount owed		
		Less than \$10,000	\$10,000-24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	149,500	113,700	21,700	14,100
Major type				
Total science.....	102,500	73,800	16,600	12,100
Total engineering.....	47,000	39,900	5,100	2,000
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	18,200	16,400	1,300	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	15,300	10,500	2,600	2,300
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,500	2,000	S	S
Biological sciences.....	10,500	6,900	1,700	1,900
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	2,400	1,700	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	7,900	6,600	S	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	9,700	7,600	1,400	700
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,900	3,000	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	2,400	1,900	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	3,000	2,400	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	26,400	15,900	5,500	4,900
Social and related sciences, total.....	25,100	16,900	4,900	3,300
Economics.....	4,100	2,900	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	8,100	4,900	1,500	1,700
Sociology and anthropology.....	4,200	2,500	1,200	S
Other social sciences.....	8,700	6,700	1,400	S
Engineering, total.....	47,000	39,900	5,100	2,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,500	1,200	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	2,000	1,800	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,500	5,400	S	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,100	14,000	1,500	S
Industrial engineering.....	3,200	2,700	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	7,200	6,000	S	S
Other engineering.....	10,400	8,900	1,100	S

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997